at least one spacer having a binding contact surface adapted to contact the binding, said spacer adjustably mounted to said base member for selective orthogonal adjustment relative to said frame member.

22. (Amended) A snowboard boot selectively mountable to a binding comprising:

an outsole having a bottom surface;

at least one base member nonremovably mounted to said outsole; and

at least one adjustment member adjustably mounted on said base member for selective substantially orthogonal adjustment relative to said outsole.

23. (Amended) The snowboard boot of Claim 22, wherein said base member defines a first threaded surface, and said adjustment member includes an engagement portion adapted for engagement with the binding and a second threaded surface threadably engageable with said first threaded surface of said base member.

24. (Amended) The snowboard boot of Claim 22, wherein said adjustment member is adjustably mounted on said base member for selective substantially orthogonal adjustment relative to said bottom surface of said outsole.

25. (Amended) The snowboard boot of Claim 22, further comprising a frame member disposed within said outsole; said base member coupled to said frame member.

26. (Amended) The snowboard boot of Claim 23, wherein said outsole defines at least one adjustment member mounting aperture opening to said bottom surface, said base member mounted within said adjustment member mounting aperture.

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29. (Amended) The snowboard boot of Claim 22, further comprising a plurality of adjustment members and a plurality of base members, one of said plurality of adjustment members adjustably coupled to each base member.

30. (Amended) A snowboard boot selectively mountable to a binding comprising:

an outsole having a bottom surface;

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a frame member coupled to said outsole and having first and second ends;

first and second spacer holding members coupled to said first and second ends of said frame members, respectively; and

at least one interface adjustment assembly associated with either of said first or second spacer holding members, said interface adjustment assembly including a base member fixedly secured to either of said first or second spacer holding members and having a threaded aperture, and a spacer having an engagement portion and a threaded portion threadably engaged with said threaded aperture of said base member, said spacer being threadably adjustable relative to said base member so that said engagement portion of said spacer projects a selective amount away from said outsole.

36. (Amended) An athletic boot in combination with a binding to which the boot may be selectively coupled in a fixed disposition, comprising:

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a binding having a boot interface surface;

a boot having an outsole; and

a plurality of interface adjustment members selectively securable to said outsole of said boot, each adjustment member having a binding contact portion and a binding interface surface that contacts the boot interface surface of said binding when said boot is coupled to said binding, said contact portion defining a thickness;

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wherein said plurality of interface adjustment members are configured to having different predetermined contact portion thicknesses, said plurality of interface adjustment members being interchangeable to selectively adjust the degree of extension of said interface surface away from said outsole of said boot.

In the Abstract:

The abstract should read as follows:

An interface adjustment mechanism 100 includes a frame member 102 and fore and aft adjustable spacer holding members 104, 106, and is disposed within the outsole of the snowboard boot 10. The interface adjustment mechanism 100 also includes a plurality of interface adjustment assemblies 160. Each interface adjustment assembly 160 includes a base member 170 having a threaded aperture and an adjustment member or spacer 172 having a threaded portion threadably engageable with the threaded aperture of the base member so that the spacer 172 can be adjustable relative to the base member 170. When incorporated into the snowboard boot 10, the interface adjustment mechanism 100 provides the rider with an adjustable spacer/dampening system that can eliminate slop and provide dampening and shock absorption between the snowboard boot 10 and the snowboard binding 30. Eliminating slop and providing dampening and shock absorption provides the rider with improved control, force transmission, and feel.

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